

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1, as follows:

As shown in FIG. 2C, the intermediate vessel 5 was subjected to an auto-frettagement, in which the auto-frettagement ~~temperature~~ pressure was 125 MPa, using the auto-frettagement machine 10 marketed by Mitsubishi Rayon Co. Ltd. to apply compressive pressure to the vessel body 2, and thereby the pressure vessel 1 was produced. The distortion of the surface of the vessel in the circumferential direction during the auto-frettagement treatment was 0.81%.

Please substitute the Abstract with the following new Abstract submitted on the next page.

Attachment: New Abstract